



DENBY DALE PARISH COUNCIL Newsletter



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NEW CHAIRMAN

Following the recent Annual Council Meeting, Denby Dale Parish councillors elected Denby Dale resident Cllr Janet Depledge as the new Chairman of the Council for the forthcoming year.



Out-going Chairman Cllr Billy Jewitt with new Chairman Cllr Janet Depledge

The new Vice Chairman of the council is Cllr John Cook. The council is comprised of 20 councillors representing the four wards of Emley, Clayton West, Skelmanthorpe and Denby and Cumberworth.

Men's Shed Project

A group of local men have been meeting on a regular basis and working on creating a 'men with sheds' project for the area. This is a space where men can meet and make and do things.

So far a public meeting has been held in Emley earlier this year, and a successful launch event was held at the space the group are intending to use at Nortonthorpe Mills in Scissett on the 10th of June. A full public launch of the space is currently planned for 30th September.

Cllr Graham Turner who has been involved from the start of the project, and is treasurer and membership secretary, said this is a great opportunity for the area to create a space where men can go along to and mix with other men and make things, or repair them, or just sit around having a chat and a brew if they prefer.

We are now signing up members, so if anyone wants more information or to sign up to be a member then they can contact graham.turner@kirklees.gov.uk or Robert.barber@gmx.co.uk or telephone Graham on 07772643361

The shed will need equipping with tools etc., so if anyone has any tools or suitable equipment they don't want then also contact us and we may be able to put them to good use.

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017

Summary of accounts 2016-2017	
Precept (Parish Council portion of Council Tax)	£219,359.00
Refund of VAT	£9,640.87
Other items (grants received, refunds, bank interest)	£23,159.81
Total income	£252,159.68
General running costs	
Administration including authorised travel costs, employment, insurance, office equipment, postage, stationery, telephone/internet, Council Offices running costs	£113,383.51
Civic Governance costs	
Audit fees, conferences, training, civic functions, subscriptions	£2,845.80
Public Information	
Advertisements, annual report, newsletter, noticeboards, Emley Show pitch and website	£4,075.17
Grants	
Small grants and community grants and loan to Heritage Working Party	£14,434.88
Parish Projects	
Countryside Project (wages under employment costs) & Allotments	£17,873.70
Christmas trees, hanging baskets and poppy wreaths	£6,380.00
Restoration of phone boxes and purchase of litter bins & dog bags	£4,027.50
Total expenditure	£163,020.56

Road Safety Around Schools

Parish Councillors are often approached by residents of our Parish Council area expressing concern about inappropriate parking and thoughtless driving near our schools which puts our children and young people at risk. In the Autumn, when the schools reopen after the summer holidays, the Council will be working with our schools to contribute to keeping our children safe.

In the meantime, please be aware that during the holidays children will be out and about in what, we hope, will be sunny summer holiday weather. Could we also ask drivers not to park on pavements as this often forces families, children and pram-pushers on to our busy roads. Please slow down, be aware and protect our children. Thank you
Janet Depledge: Chair, Denby Dale Parish Council

Countryside Officer's Update



Summer is upon us and although we like the warm weather, so do plants, resulting in paths needing clearing and the river in particular in need of protection from invasive species.

These plants are spreading quickly across the UK and displace native species and detrimentally affect the ecology of many vulnerable habitats. They also present a large financial cost to the UK economy with the annual cost of all invasive, non-native species totalling some £2 billion.

As a result, Dave and volunteers have been involved in (Himalayan) 'Balsam Bashing' with volunteers from Friends of the Dearne and Cummins' Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programme.



The problem appears to be mainly downstream of Hinchcliffe's mill so a further volunteer opportunity is being arranged on Saturday July 8th when the 10 Villages group will be balsam bashing in Denby Dale. Contact Dave on 07939 446581 for more details of future projects.

SMALL GRANTS

The Parish Council operates a small grant scheme where local groups can apply for funding for up to £500. Grant forms are available on our website or directly from the Clerk. The deadline for submitting a small grant application this year is **12 October 2017**.

The Community Grant Scheme is open all year round, for details please see our website. Last year community grants included; a defibrillator outside the Savoy Squash Club in Skelmanthorpe, awarded to the Denby Dale & District Rotary Club, a contribution

towards a new minibus for the Denby Dale Centre and a grant towards the refurbishment of the tea room at the Denby Cricket Club.

The Kirkburton/Denby Dale link to the TransPennine Trail



Bank Lane



Long Lane

Cllr Richard Brook, secretary of Denby Dale Walkers are Welcome Group, writes....

The Coast to Coast Trans Pennine Trail (see www.transpenninetrail.org.uk) is a huge asset to the North of England and we were delighted when, in 2011, EPIP (see www.epip.org.uk) was able to fund a new extension to the TPT from Kirkburton & Denby Dale. This Kirkburton/Denby Dale link comprises both an on-road & an off-road route.

This year Denby Dale Walkers are Welcome group successfully applied for further funding, via EPIP, from the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development to effect much-needed improvements to 2 sections of bridleway on the off-road route – on Bank Lane bridleway (leading from Barnsley Road, Denby Dale towards Upper Denby) and on Long Lane (leading from Thunderbridge towards Shepley). Match funding for the project and a short-term loan were secured from the Rural District Committee of Kirklees Council, to whom we are very grateful.

The work, undertaken by local contractors, was completed in early June and we are very pleased with the result.



Glass Recycling

We have recently lost the glass collection point in Clayton West as the Shoulder of Mutton pub has closed down, if anyone has any ideas where a new facility could be placed in Clayton West or indeed any other area of the Parish, please contact the Parish Council who will pass the information on to the relevant Kirklees department.

www.denbydalekirkburtonarchives.co.uk

New on our excellent local history website are Roy Nightingale's wonderful record of **Farms, Farming and Farmers in the Early 1980s**, along with more of the late Leslie Robinson's history of Scissett: **Scissett Shops; Scissett at Play; Scissett Carnivals; and St Augustine's Church.**

Well worth a browse!

To contact the Parish Council, email clerk@denbydale.com or phone the Clerk on 01484 861239. Office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. For visitor information see www.denbydale-kirkburton.org.uk For local history see www.denbydalekirkburtonarchives.co.uk.